



December 12, 2014

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Operation of Metro Lines 190 and 194**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with LA Metro to assume operation of Lines 190 and 194 in July 2015.

Background

LA Metro is currently facing financial deficits compounded by an aging bus fleet and inadequate capital funds to replace CNG buses that are nearing the end of their useful life. A recent fare increase provided short-term operating relief, but was not substantial enough to replace the nearly 900 CNG buses that were purchased in the 1990s.

Metro Lines 190 and 194 serve nearly 2.3 million riders per year, operating 100 percent within the San Gabriel Valley. Both lines originate at El Monte Station and terminate at Temple Avenue and Pomona Drive in the City of Pomona (**Attachment A**). The lines travel slightly different routes with Line 190 traveling North and East along Ramona Blvd. through Covina to Temple Avenue and Line 194 traveling South and East along Valley Blvd. through Walnut and up to Temple Avenue. These are the only two lines which Metro operates that are completely within the Foothill Transit service area.

The addition of these two lines will enhance Foothill's service portfolio. The two lines travel by two key schools, Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. SAC. The Mt. SAC student body recently voted to continue the "Class Pass" program. The addition of Lines 190 and 194 along with the Mt. SAC class pass is expected to increase the current ridership on these lines.

The two lines travel along key corridors not currently served by Foothill Transit: Valley Boulevard and Grand Avenue. Foothill Transit already has routes on Colima Boulevard, which is south of Valley and Amar Road which is north of Valley. The addition of the two corridors will greatly enhance Foothill Transit's coverage and customer mobility in the eastern portion of the San Gabriel Valley.



Operation of Lines 190 and 194 will require 24 coaches, including spare coaches necessary to ensure proper preventive maintenance. To facilitate this fleet need, Foothill Transit could delay the retirement of 24 of the 30 coaches that were planned to be replaced with the 30 new coaches in our upcoming bus procurement.

Budget Impact

The preliminary analysis shows that assuming service for Lines 190 and 194 will cost Foothill Transit approximately \$5.3 million per year to operate, which would be funded by fare revenues and an increase in Foothill Transit's FAP share.

Sincerely,

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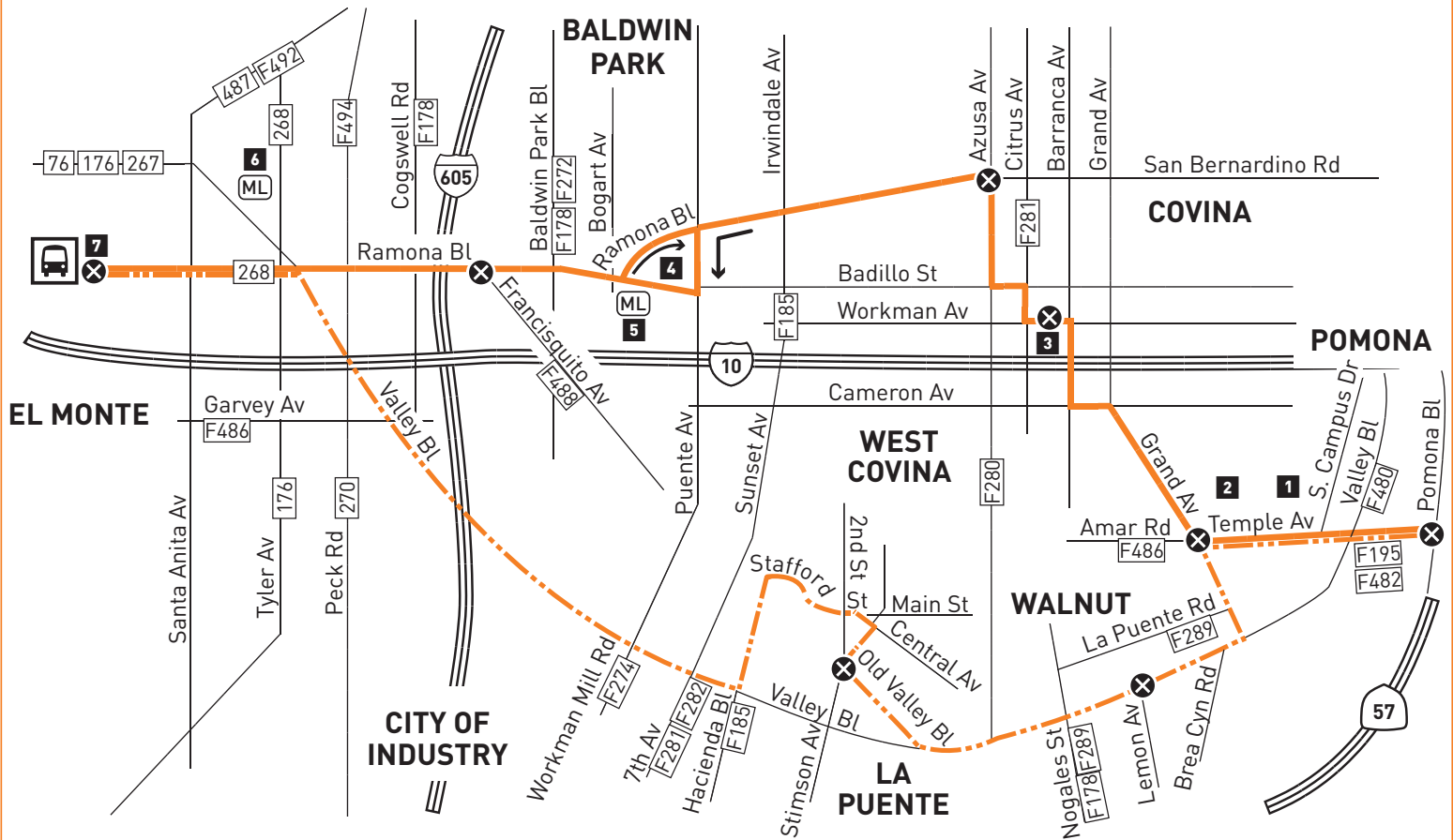
Joseph Raquel
Director of Planning

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Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director

Attachment

ROUTE MAP



LEGEND

- Line 190 Route
- - - Line 194 Route
- Timetable Timepoint
- Transit Center
- Map Notes (see inset)
- Connecting Line
- Metrolink
- Foothill Transit

MAP NOTES

- 1 Cal Poly Pomona (Temple Av & S. Campus Rd)**
Metro 190, 194; F195, F289, F480, F482, F486
- 2 Mt. San Antonio College**
Metro 190, 194; F289, F486
- 3 Eastland Center (Workman & 2nd / Workman & Palmetto)**
Metro 190; F281, F284, F480, F488, F851
- 4 Baldwin Park - Park & Ride Lot**
- 5 Baldwin Park Metrolink Station**
Metro 190; F178, F272, F274; San Bernardino Line
- 6 El Monte Metrolink Station**
Metro 76, 268; San Bernardino Line
- 7 El Monte Station**
Upper Level: Metro Silver Line; F481, F486, F488, F492, F494, Silver Streak; Greyhound
Lower Level: Metro 70, 76, 176, 190, 194, 267, 268, 270, 487, 577, 770; F178, F269, F282;
 Mid-day El Monte Commuter Shuttle; Rosemead Explorer